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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

THE PRESIDENT AND COLORED REPUBLICANS OF THE SOUTH

A DENIAL OF FALSE CHARGES

Roosevelt's Idea of Politics Not of the Hanna Variety.—A "Square Deal" Assured Reduction in Southern Representation.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.)

Booker T. Washington's emphatic denial of the absurd report that he had advised the President to refrain from appointing Negroes to office in the South was not necessary, as far as the fair-minded people of this country were concerned, for they knew from the beginning that there was absolutely nothing in the story, and dismissed it at once as another of the clumsy devices of the enemy to discredit the race's most influential leader. Those who know Dr. Washington know that he is not built that way, and that where the interests of his fellow-men are at stake, his loyalty and sympathetic support can always be depended upon to the ditch. But as a great many persons do not know Dr Washington, and in the eyes of the world there is often a feeling that a failure to refute a calumny is an admission of its truth, it is well that he set the whole matter at rest by branding the statement as a malicious falsehood. Nevertheless, it is a burning shame that a man of Dr. Washington's acknowledged usefulness and unimpeachable honor should be compelled to stop his work several times a week to answer the lies set on foot by mischief-makers whose chief function seems to be to hamper and annoy the eminent Tuskegeean and to cast slurs at all who have anything to do with him. Seldom, however, does he dignify these marplots by noticing their silly vaporings, for were he to attempt to reply to every misleading rumor emanating from their stink-pots, he would be forced to cancel his engagements for an indefinite period, and allow his legitimate duties to go by default. Only when the matter is one of great import, and where a failure to contradict is likely to work injury to the cause of the whole people, does Dr. Washington enter the field with a denial of any gossip that his opponents may put into circulation. The incident, after all, is not without its profit to the race, for out of it comes a direct declaration from the White House on the President's Southern policy that not only hurls confusion into the camp of the conspirators, but gives immense satisfaction to thousands of our people who were anxious to hear just such news from an authoritative source Verily, "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

To the representative of a leading journal of the national capital, White House officials unequivocally denounce the story that the colored republicans of the South are not to have any more federal appointments, and say that there is no foundation for any such rumor that those now holding places are gradually to be displaced by white men. It is quite natural that the President should wish to build up strength for himself by winning the good will of the better classes of whites in the South, both for the purpose of carrying through measures dear to his heart, and to more firmly implant the spirit of national unity; but no one imagines that he has the slightest idea of doing this at the expense of the already down-trodden Negro. He is willing to do all that an honorable public servant can do to promote an era of good feeling between the North and the South, but he realizes that he cannot afford to eliminate the patriotic black man from the equation as the price of such peace. It is doubtless true that the Northern Negro who hails from states which "deliver the goods" will receive more consideration in the future than has been the case in the past, but there is no reason to believe that Southern Negroes are to be deprived of the positions in the local service that they now occupy. President Roosevelt has not made many original appointments of colored men in the South, but they have been of the highest possible character, and stand as an earnest of what he is willing to do when he can find the right kind of men. His conception of practical politics is far removed from the Hanna idea, and it will take time for those trained in the old school to thoroughly grasp the Rooseveltian principle that the offices are the property of the people and not of party managers, and that ability to administer the offices in the interest of the people is paramount to proficiency in the art of setting up delegations or controlling primaries. Special fitness is what counts under the new dispensation. Be that as it may, however, the President deserves great credit at our hands for leaving the bulk of Mr. McKinley's appointees where he found them. He has made no effort whatever to create a machine of his own.

The present agitation and conflicting rumors grow out of the fact that the commissions of several colored officials—"holdovers" from the McKinley-Hanna administration—are about to expire, and there is no little anxiety as to what will happen if the eight-year dead line is rigidly insisted upon. Whether all of the incumbents will be able to remain is a matter of conjecture. Numerous changes in the leadership of the party have taken place since 1897, and in some instances, the President may decide that men must be changed to conform to the new regime. He may take one man out here, and put in a new one there—and so on throughout the entire South. That he will grant a "square deal," goes without the saying, and in his own time and in his own way, President Roosevelt will adjust the situation in the light of fair play to all concerned. The manly fashion in which he stood by Dr. Crum and Mrs. Cox ought not to be forgotten, and the appointment of I. T. Montgomery, Mr. Kennedy, N. H. Alexander and others in the South, should be taken as evidences that the "door of hope" is still ajar. A Virginian was sent to Guadaloupe, and Mr. Napier, a Tennessean, was offered the $3,000 consulship at Bahia. John C. Dancy, a North Carolinian, has just entered upon his second term, as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, and indications are abundant that he will not be disturbed for four more years, at least. Rival candidates have abandoned the contest for his place. J. E Bush, Receiver of Public Moneys at Little Rock, Ark., has been endorsed by the State Committee for a third term, and it is now understood that he will be given a new appointment upon the expiration of his current term. It is thought that J. E. Lee, Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Florida, against whom some ugly charges have been filed, will be succeeded by another colored man, in the person of M M Lewey, editor of the Florida Sentinel. The future of Gen. Robert Smalls, Col James Lewis, Walter Cohen, Col. J H. Deveaux and Mr H. A. Rucker will be determined at an early date, and we have no doubt that each of their cases will be disposed of on its individual merits, apart from any prejudice as to color or any hard and fast rule as to length of service. Efficiency and local acceptability are the factors that will enter most prominently in framing the final verdict. Post-offices and minor positions will be governed by the same high standard of judgment, and we think it will be safe for the press to dismiss as a closed incident the foolish scare over the President's alleged intention to give the Southern Negro the "double-cross" in the matter of federal patronage. As for Booker T. Washington's connection with the situation, instead of advising the "passing up" of his brethern, his influence, as far as he has been able to consistently exert it politically, has been in favor of the largest possible recognition of the worthy Negro, and stoutly in opposition to the "lily-white" republican program of Afro-American elimination.

Bills providing for the cutting down the representation of of the Southern states in Congress have been introduced, or are in preparation by W. S. Bennett, of New York, E D. Crumpacker, of Indiana, J. Warren, Kiefer, of Ohio, and Senator T C. Platt, of New York, but it is not likely that the subject will be given any serious attention at this session The Statehood bill, railroad rate legislation, the Panama Canal, the Santo Domingo treaty, the Philippine tariff, besides the regular appropriation bills, will take all the time the national lawmakers have between now and next summer. It should be borne in mind by those interested in political legislation, that reforms of that kind are invariably born of political necessity. If today the republicans had but a slender majority in Congress, and the accendancy of the South became a potential danger, Mr. Crumpacker would be listened to with the greatest respect, and there would be "something doing," instead of complacent indifference. Before the Negro can expect to have his needs looked after with any deep-seated interest, either as to the suffrage or his civil privileges, some party will have to need the Negro. It has always been so, and history has not ceased the habit of repeating itself.

We have no disposition to "butt into" a local controversy, but there are features connected with the bitter personal fight now being waged against Mr. Henry A. Rucker, Collector of internal Revenue at Atlanta, Ga., that give it a national significance, and thus bring it properly within the purview of our notice. When a Negro officer has served for eight years in a given position, and by the efficient discharge of his sworn duty and flawless bearing as a citizen, has won the confidence and respect of the most influential commercial and business factors of his community, it is no more than right that the unbiased press of the country should go a trifle out of its way, if necessary, to see that he gets a square deal, when attacked upon grounds that seem flimsy and notoriously unjust. Mr. Rucker's administration has been characterized by rare fidelity to the best interests of the whole people; the office has been rated as A No. 1 by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Treasury Department throughout his term; the relations between him and his assistants have been mutually aggreeable; and his dealings with the thousands of patrons have been such as to call for praise, sincere in quality and unstinted in measure. Despite this enviable record—one of which the entire race ought to scan with pride—Mr. Rucker for two years or more has been subjected to a constant fusilade of misrepresentation and petty insinuations, which, while not serious as to consequences, have been without cause, and therefore quite annoying to a man of a sensitive nature, who has striven to do equity, according to his lights. The meanest part of the whole proceeding is that these guerilla-like attacks have come, almost without exception, from a little clique within his own race, headed by one Davis, editor of the Atlanta Independent, a paper that could have been, under righteous guidance and in proper environment, a real leader of political thought and journalistic power in the State of Georgia. Davis and his confederates seem to have it in for Mr. Rucker, good and hard, and claim as an excuse for their antagonistic attitude, that he has discriminated against colored men in making up his list of deputies. Just what they hope to gain by asking that Mr. Rucker be put out, and that a white Harry Stillwell Edwards, be installed in his place, does not appear on the surface; nor is there any assurance held out that the man of their choice will give the race any larger degree of recognition than it has at this time.

Now, to set the matter as near right as we can, we have it from excellent authority that Mr. Rucker has done exceptionally well by the members of his race. His roster of officers, instead of being a hundred or more, as stated, is less than fifty. Of this number, more than 20 per cent., are Negroes. This per centum is smaller now than it has been, owing to an order from the Commissioner, reducing the force. Negroes and whites were compelled to go, because there was no allowance for their retention; but even at that, the ratio of Negroes to whites is more than double what has been under any previous administration. In choosing men for duty, Mr Rucker has been obliged to keep ever to the front the good of the service, and to retain those who could perform to the best advantage the trying tasks that fell to them. The extra hazardous nature of the work will be appreciated when it is known that about one-third of all the illicit stills seized or destroyed in the United States are found in Georgia, and of the 1,055 arrests made in the entire country, based upon these seizures and destructions, 788 were made by Mr. Rucker's deputies in Georgia. "Moonshiners" are not gentle in their methods, and to arrest desperate outlaws and oath-bound gangs in the South, calls for certain considerations peculiar to that section, which will be obvious to those who read as they run. It will be easily understood, therefore, that in selecting men for this delicate, dangerous and highly important work, where a mistake in judgment would mean the sacrifice of lives, sentiment must be cast to the winds, and assignments given those best fitted for it, regardless of desire to favor the individuals of any race A wise officer is compelled to accept conditions as he finds them, when he is powerless to change them. It does not pay, in the long run, to misrepresent an honest, straightforward man of affairs, for the lie is sure to recoil upon the head of him who sets it afloat.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THE HOUND (?)

The public and the people whom he represents, would be saved from such disgrace if Mr. Tillman was "canned."

DANVILLE, ILL.

Miss Bertha Stewart, who has been visiting her cousin and aunt, Mrs. Mary Lee Boyd and Mrs. S. J. Lee, has returned to her home in Terre Haute, Ind., after a pleasant stay in our city. The Colored Woman's Aid Club will give a reception to their husbands on February 14. Some of the best talent of the city will furnish the program This club is also preparing to give a play —Mrs S. J. Lee, who has been very ill, is improving.

Do not miss this opportunity to subscribe for the races' leading journal.

AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICE

A PICTURESQUE VIEW OF THE EXTREME NORTHWEST

NEW FIELD FOR THE STUDENT

Among the Indians.—Some Traits and Habits.—Caucasian Race and the Indian.—More of Our Race Needed in This Service.

To be taken from the busy marts of a crowded metropolis where the arterial pulse throbs of commerce beat full and strong, and carried across the plains, up one side of two ranges of mountains and down the other, then dropped into a steamer and hurried out to sea, and set down, finally, amid a little band of Indians, is not the usual experience of the members of our race. That a brief resume of the varied phantasmagoria of his present environment may prove interesting, is the moving spirit that actuates the writer in making a few fugitive observations.

The Neah Bay Indian Agency is located on the Makan reservation, which includes Cape Flattery, which, in turn, to borrow from John Uri Lloyd, is the Northwesternmost point of the United States marking the boundary of what was formerly known as Spanish America. In recent excavating and grading operations, relics in the shape of architectural remains, skulls and fire-arms have been unearthed, offering their mute testimony of the early occupancy by Spain. The only approach to the agency is by sea, as there are no railways, wagon roads or foot paths across the maiden forests of the Olympic Mountains. For natural scenic glory, there is nothing in all Europe to compare with this vicinity. Northward, the island of Vancouver and the Seymour mountains, with their wealth of gold and mineral ores, stretch away toward the icy regions of Alaska; behind and around us, the Olympics rear their towering, wind rocked peaks, tier upon tier, in a weird and wild theatric pride, while in front, the strait of Juan de Fuca spreads out into the Pacific ocean, whose swelling tides roll and surge toward China and Japan.

The Indians here are the descendants of a tribe which formerly lived in British Columbia, but who made a war of conquest upon their American neighbors and afterward occupied their lands. They subsist chiefly on fish, and export annually, several thousand dollars worth of salmon, halibut and smaller varieties of fish. Whaling operations are conducted on a small scale, as the whales of this coast are valuable for their oil and not as whalebone. It may be worth while, in passing, to note that whalebone, so-called, is not bone at all but the tough lining in the mouths of certain species of whales.

These people raise such vegetables as they need for their own consumption, but the heavy timber and moist climate preclude the possibility of agricultural pursuits on an extensive scale. Most of them speak three languages, English, their own and Chinook, which is a dialect used for intercommunication with other tribes of different linguistic origin. The males spend much of their liesure time in making bows, arrows and images which they sell as souveniers, while among the women, the basket industry, if industry it is, has reached a close approximation to perfection. Their ideas of domestic economy, however, are very meager. Toward their white neighbors, these people have never possessed sanguinary propensities, and they are kind to a fault with their children, to whom they never weary of telling stories adequately tinictured with romance and superstition.

The policy of the government in dealing with its wards is vast and comprehensive but may be generalized in the word "Educational," in a Catholic interpretation of the term. The Caucasian race has not the innate abhorrence for the Indian that it has to the Negroid types, and the Indian is encouraged in every way to prove himself a man. Intermarriage between the two races is very common and there is no apparent loss of cast to either contracting party. Nevertheless the Indian is a slow pupil, lacking invention, adaptation, and a desire to possess either. Among the full bloods, physical degeneracy is the rule.

A sunset in the Pacific ocean is one of the most picturesque beauties of nature, and

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GREAT CROWD GATHERS

At Carnegie Hall In Sympathy With American Negroes' Efforts To Rise.

New Yorkers Hear and Applaud Notable Speehes of Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Booker T. Washington, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) and Robert C. Ogden—A Three Million Dollar Fund Needed.

The Armstrong Association is to be congratulated on the success of their monster mass meeting held at Carnegie Ball in W. 57th street, New York City, January 22d. The beautiful edifice was filled to overflowing long before the program began. Several hundred were obliged to stand, while over 2,000 people were refused tickets. The capacity of the hall was taxed. Mr. William J. Schuffelin, president of the Arm strong Association, gave a brief sketch of the grand and fraternal work being done by the organization and then in troduced the Hampton Glee Club of eight young male singers, who sang several beautiful semi-classic Negro folkslore songs, which brought forth tremendous applause from the immense audience. When the Glee Club was seated Mr. Schieffelin then introduced America's world famous diplomat and ex-Ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Joseph H. Choa e, who acted as chairman of the meeting, and among many good things said (after the tumultous ovation concluded): "If you do that much for me, what will you do for Mark Twain and Booker T. Washington? Mr. Choate declared that Mr. Washington did not claim to have conceived Tuskegee. The great institute had its origin in a little board shanty with thirty pupils. Now it has a farm of of two thousand three hu dred acres, over a thousand pupils and an endowment fund of over a million dollars. And like Harvard or Yale and other institutions, the more Tuskegee has the more it wants, and the more it wants the more you will have to give it."

Mr. Choate said he had the honor of presiding at a meeting held by Booker T. Washington in London, some years ago, and he said: "I entertained him in my hired house." At this remark the audience laughed. Then, in further comment on Tuskegee, Mr. Choate declared that the success of Tuskegee is the triumph and glory of Booker T. Washington. I know he is one of the few Americans whom foreigners regard with peculiar sympathy because of the work he is doing for mankind. I remember the reception he got in London. Mr. Choate made an earnest appeal to his auditors to assist the association in raising $1,800,000 to complete the endowment fund of the great wizard's institution.

In speaking of the race's late, lamented and revered friend, General Armstrong and his work Mr Choate declared that General Armstrong was a victim of his own self-sacrifice in arousing Negro education in the North. Mr. Choate said, "Don't let this happen again." If you leave it to Dr. Washington to get up meetings in the North I am afraid his fate will be the same as General Armstrong's. We want Mr. Washington here for the golden jubilee twenty-five years from now."

After concluding his speech Mr Choate gave the Glee Club the "cue" for a song and after their second number and encore was rendered he introduced the great moralist, humorist and author, Mark Twain, who interested us with his wit for an hour almost.

MR CLEMENS' SPEECH.

In introducing Mr Clemens Mr. Choate said: "If I should introduce him as Clemens you might not know him, for after all that is only his family and private name. So I shall introduce Mark Twain. Mr. Clemens spoke in part as follows:

Once a year the Amer c n citizen lays aside his Christian private morals hires a ferry boat and piles up his bonds in a warehouse in New Jersey for three days, gets out his Christian public morals, goes to the tax office, holds up his hand and swears he wishes he may never, never, if he's got a cent in the world, so help him! The next day the list appears in the papers, a column and a quarter of names, in fine print, and very man in the list a billionaire and a member of a couple of churches I know all these people I have friendly, cial and criminal inte course with the whole of them They nev r mi s a rmon when they're so's to be around, whether they are so's to be around or not. The innocent cannot remain innocent in the disintegrating atmosphere of this thing. I used to be an hones man. I am crumbling No; I have rumbled When they assessed me at $75,000 a fortnight ago I went out and tried to borrow the money, and couldn't; then, when I found they were letting a whole crop of millionaires live in New York at a third of the price they were charging me I was hurt I was indignant, and said: "This is the last feather. I am not going to run this town all by myself. In that moment, in that memorable moment, I began to crumble In fifteen minutes the disintegration was complete In fifteen minutes I was become just a mere moral sand pile; and I lifted up my hand along with those seasoned and experienced deacons and swore off every rag of personal property I've got in the world Those tax officers were moved; they were profoundly moved They had long been accustomed to seeing hardened old "grafters" act like that, and they could endure the spectacle; but they were expecting better things from me, a chartered professional moralist and they were saddened I fell visibly in their respect and esteem, and I should have fallen in my own except that I had already struck bottom and there wasn't any place to fall in.

At Tuskegee they will jump to misleading conclusions from insufficient evidence along with Dr. Parkhust, and they will deceive the student with the superstition that no gentleman ever swears. Look at those good millionaires; aren't they gentleman? Well they swear Only once a year, maybe but there's enough bulk to it to make up for lost time And do they lose anything by it? No, they don't; they save enough in three minutes to support the family seven years.

The historian John Fiske, whom I knew well and loved, was a spotless and most noble and upright Christian gentleman, and yet he swore once Not that exactly, maybe: still he—but I will tell you about it. One day when he was deeply immersed in his work his wife came in much moved and profoundly distressed and said: "I am sorry to disturb you, John, but I must, for this is a serious matter and needs to be attended to at once" Then, lamenting, she brought a grave accusation against their little son. She said: "He has been saying that his Aunt Mary is a fool and his Aunt Martha is a d—d fool." Mr. Fiske reflected upon the matter a moment, and then said: "Oh, well; it is about the distinction I should make between them myself."

After the Glee Club had given another selection, Mr. Ogden was introduced Mr Ogden said in part:

The duty assigned to me demands some brief justification for the appeal to be made. The best intelligence of the country, North and South, admits the special, peculiar, serious educational duty that is due to the descendants of the African Negro race that are now a part of our population, and especially of our Southern States The South has done much by public appropriation for Negro education but the burden is too large for the South to bear alone The question is national. Other issues crowd hard, but among them all is there any one more important than that incarnate in the call of Tuskegee? Do the results justify the cost in money and effort? Reduction of illiteracy acquisition of land, increase of personal property, many communities in which the races are living in harmony and peace, the increasing number of intelligent Negro leaders, all these conditions and more appear

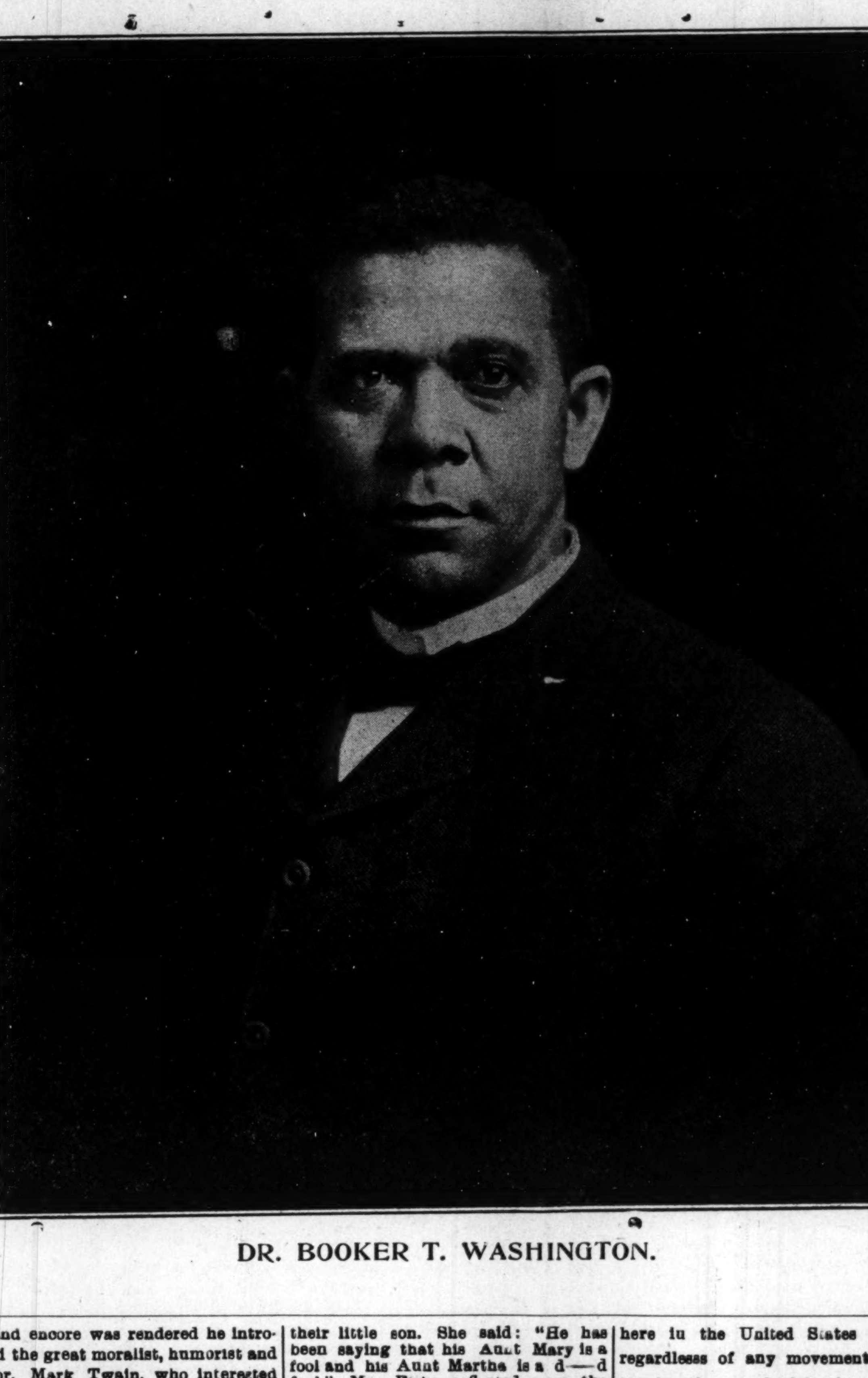
The responsibility is universal. What will you do about it? Are the principals of Hampton and Tuskegee and other worthy institutions to continue seeking constantly from house to house, from office to office for the money to pay teachers to feed and clothe students, to provide buildings to perfect sanitation and the needs of the educational and industrial communities dependent upon them? Their time, strength and brains are needed at their schools They are worth too much to the nation to be worked to death in this seeking for dollars

This is the twenty fifth anniversary of Tuskegee's life The remaining $1,800,000 for endowment should be raised this year as a silver wedding gift. The public asset in Tuskegee is too valuable to be risked upon the life and health of one man, however powerful, strong and able. A proper endowment will be the life insurance for the institution."

Then getting down to statistical facts in regard to Tuskegee's work, Mr. Ogden told us that Tuskegee had a student roll of 1,504 in 1905. These students comming from thirty-six states of our republic and twelve foreign countries. Tuskegee's annual expense is $180,000. The fixed and expected income to the institute is $90,000, and Mr. Ogden said that the first appeal is to raise a sum of $90,000 for maintenance. The second [illegible] for money to the amount of $37,000 for heating and lighting plants. In conclusion Mr. Ogden said he hoped that the remaining $1 800,000 needed to complete the fund of Tuskegee Institute, would be raised.

Mr. Choate then rose and introduced the man whom every one was anxious to hear—Booker T. Washington, the principal of Tuskegee Institute. Dr Washington began his speech in a grand burst of oratory, and defined to his auditors the best way of helping the colored people to help themselves. He also stated, with manly nerve and pride, that the American colored man was here in the United States to stay, regardless of any movement toward immigrating or colonizing in any other land, Dr. Washington for the first time in his career, finally came out and declared that the colored man had been fighting for this country and the flag in every important war, and that he intended to struggle on and secure every right the Constitution of the United States afforded every other one of its citizens. Then Dr. Washington touched upon the work of Tuskegee, more in detail as he was best fitted, and made an earnest appeal to those assembled to assist in the raising of $90 000 yearly expenses of Tuskegee. He said: "We try to get as much as possible in the form of $50 scholarships" He also maintained that it was absolutely necessary that the $3,000,000 endowment be gotten together. In concluding his most enjoyable and instructive address and appeal, Mr. Washington said: "The colored American in many ways has proven his loyalty and worth to the country. In all the years of subjection and slavery, and in the forty years of his freedom, you have never had a black anarchist in the American Republic. What the colored man now asks is that through such institutions as Hampton, Fisk and Tuskegee he shall be given the chance to render high and intelligent service to our country in the future. I have faith that such an opportunity will be given him and that he will develop into the best, most faithful and worthy type of our American citizens."

CARLE BROWNE COOKE.



DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

BY "DOROTHY."

This column is devoted to the interests of women Address all communications to the Woman's Department, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

OH! NEVER ASK ME "WHY?"

Oh! never ask me why the rose is red,
Oh, never ask me why the lily's fair.
Enough for me to know that Nature shed
Her beauty there—
So, never ask me "why?"

Oh! never ask me why I love the night,
And why the bright stars hold me in their spell,
For why I love, or how they give their light,
I can not tell—
So never ask me "why?"

Oh! never ask me why I'm fond of thee.—
We may be sure of much we can't explain!
I only know 'tis joy thy face to see,
To part is pain—
But, never ask me "why?"

—Samuel Lover.

MARRIAGEABLE AGES.

In Austria a "man" and "woman" are considered to be capable of conducting a home of their own from the ages of 14—a fact which accounts in no small degree for the spirit of "child fatherhood of the man" so prevalent in Austria.

In Germany the man must be 18 years of age; but the age of the bride is left to popular discretion,

In France the man must be 18 and the woman 15, while in Belgium the same standard prevails.

In Spain the idtending husband must have passed his 14th year, and the woman her 12 h These figures in connection with the admitted poverty of Spain, socially consideaed, are full of the deepest meaning.

In Greece the man must have seen at least 14 summers and the woman 12.

In Portugal a boy of 14 is considered marriageable, and a woman of 12

In Russia and Saxony th y are a little more sensible, for in both countries a a youth must refrain from matrimony till he can count 18 years, and the woman till she can count 16.

In Switzerland the men, from the age of 14, and the women from the age of 12 are allowed to marry.

In Turkey any youth and maiden who can understand the necessary religious service, and can walk properly are allowed to be united for life

To go further afield, mere children of 10, 9, and even 8 years of age are, by Indian custom, often married. This applies to the girl only, although native boys from 12 to 14 become husbands and the nominal heads of households,

Miss Laura Estelle Youtsey, of this city is manager of the Banner Storage Company, with rooms at 360 South Meridian street. Miss Youtsey was for several years a teacher in the public schools but owing to ill health she resigned her position. Nine years ago she went to Shellhouse Storage Company as bookkeeper. Four years later she assumed the management of the Meridian Street Storage Company. After five years of successful service, ambition led Miss Youtsey to open a business of her own. Last April she opened on a large scale Miss Youtsey is the only woman in the United States engaged in this business and is one of best and brightest business women of State.

BEAUMONT, TEX.

The High School gave an excellent program. Norman Mack made the opening address.—A new social organization, "The Lillie Belle Social Club" has been formed.—Harold Tolliver, the guest of Mr. McHannah has returned to his home at Brenham —The Alamo Club gave their weekly card party at the home of Mrs. Katie Deblaviance. Mrs. Mollie Walker has returned from an extended visit at Brenham.—Patterson and McCinney are conducting a first-class barber shop at 474 Forsyth street, where The Freeman can be found —Sunny Harris, while cutting bread at his restaurant cut two finger nearly off.—Ben Johnson, manager of the Sunset Sluggers is looking after his baseball team for the season —The public is cordially invited to attend the services at the St James M. E. church every Sunday, Rev Minnigan, pastor

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Rev. C. A McGhee pastor at Uniontown, Pa, is assisting Rev. J. A. Patterson, of the A. M. E. church in his revival.—The Calanthe Court gave a ginger bread social recently. Forty-two persons were present and spent an joyable evening.—C. H. Thomas, proprietor of the Umbrella Hospital took suddenly ill at his place of business The first quarterly meeting held at the A. M E, church, January was a great success. Rev. J. W, Jeffries, presiding elder was present.—Miss Blanche Smith, formerly the student of Clarksburg, W. Va., is at home with her parents in Beechum avenue—Mrs. A. H. Brown and J. H. Lewis entertained the former's daughter, Miss Eva Brown, of Institute, W Va. A company of friends enjoyed a pleasant evening.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

A brilliant reception was given Monday evening of last week at the K of P. Hall by the Wachovia Social Club. A select number of Charleston's elite were present. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and carnations, and music was furnished by Prof Huffman's orchestra. W. Harry Haywood made the address of welcome Adolphus Brown was the guest of honor.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Through an advertisement in The Freeman Mrs. Lucy Mead found some relatives recently, and in 1892 by advertising she received a letter from her sister, Sallie Curtis. Mrs Mead has been separated from her relatives about forty-six years.

The Freeman's Headquarters.

Persons in Macon, Ga., should see our representative, C. J. Crenshaw, corner Cherry street and Cotton avenue, and secure a copy of the Freeman for sale by him each week Mr. Crenshaw is quite a hustling agent and deserves the support of all Macon citizens.

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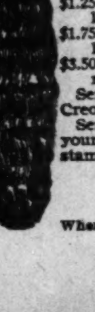

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Gilmer, Texas, Jan 15, 906.

Dear Madame—I take great pleasure to write you to let you know of your work. My daughter has returned home, and I can't praise you too much for your kindness. Now just as soon as I can I am going to send ou some money. I am in a feeble state right now, also have no work to do, but will pay you as soon as I can. Nothing more. Yours, Mrs M J

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The distinguished actor, E. S. Willard, has been appearing in Washington in the role of "The Man Who Was." It must have been the title rather than the "make-up," that vaguely suggested one Lawyer James H. Hayes, erstwhile of Virginia.

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Editor Julius F. Taylor has honored us with a bundle of back numbers of the Chicago "Broad-Axe," for which distinguished courtesy he has our sincerest thanks. We are quite fond of reading fiction whenever the opportunity presents itself.

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Parents who permit their children to boss the household are laying the foundation of a multitude of heart-aches for the future. No child God ever created is too precious to be made to obey. Indulgent mothers will please paste this up in the nursery for constant reference.

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President Eliot of Harvard says the average barber makes as much money as the average school teacher. We may add, further, that the tonsorial art, properly developed, is as dignified a calling as that of teaching—although it is difficult to get some witless snobs to realize this significant fact.

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Were it not for the tender solicitude of our great and good friend, Editor F. H. M. Murray of the Alexandria Home News, we fear our "national reputation as a staff correspondent" might be compelled to halt on the western slope of the Alleghenies. The road to fame is often paved with gratuitous advertisement.

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The administration ought to do something handsome for Oscar J. Ricketts, if he should wish to sever his connection with the government printing office. He has given the Negro printers a "square deal" at the great government printery, and would be just the man to reform certain abuses said to exist at the bureau of engraving and printing.

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Penitentiary doors are yawning for the hordes of children whom foolishly doting parents allow to remain away from the Sabbath-school, and who fail to punish them for "playing hookey" from the day school. The Reform School is the place for the young friends who are permitted to eat the bread of idleness and make a bedlum of the neighborhood in which they live.

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It is no disgrace for a preacher to work at another occupation, if his congregation be small and poor, leaving him with much time on his hands It is far better to go to work, even at a trade, than to be eternally begging and idling around. A hustling sky pilot of Southold, L. I., has taken the job of lighting the street lamps as a means of augmenting his meager salary—lighting the way temporally as well as spiritually, as it were. Go to work brethren of small obligations pastorally, and stop sitting around with the sisters.

R. W. THOMPSON.

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The liveliest topics of the day will be put before our readers by that very admirable correspondent, Mr. Richard W. Thompson, who is considered to be one of the leading journalists of the day. Mr. Thompson is a staff writer of this paper, who writes on difficult subjects with such singular fairness that every one almost believes that his word "is law."

Dr. M. A. Majors, whose "Major Melange" has scored a world of success in the many past years that it has appeared in this paper, will continue to brighten these columns with his very interesting lines.

Some of our columns will also be devoted to the best interests of the Head, Second and Side Waiters. These columns will be purely an education to the up-to-date waiter of the day.

The Woman's World, which has been so well recieved by our readers, will be a splendid feature in 1906. "Dorothy's" power as a writer of the womankind has become the equal of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox in mark of beauty. A woman who read an article in the proofs for the Woman s World, said: "Until now I never had any but a confused idea of what our women are doing and of what they could do to better their condition."

The World of Sports will be well taken care of by Mr. John L. Footslug, who has been right in the midst of it for years. Every kind of sport known will appear in these columns.

The Stage will come in for a great share of praise in the next twelve months It will be prettily illustrated. Newsy letters of the stage from New York, Chicago and other cities will appear each week. The Freeman's Gallery, a newly added feature, will also appear. Brief reviews will be published from the pen of Messrs. Carle B. Cooke, Sylvester Russell and others.

The Art Department will be well cared for by our able cartoonist, Mr. Garfield T. Haywood, who is at its head. Perhaps there are few young men who have gained more prominence than Mr. Haywood, through his remarkable talent as a cartoonist. This office has been deluged with letters praising his work. It is the intention of the management to steadily improve in the next twelve months, in our department of art.

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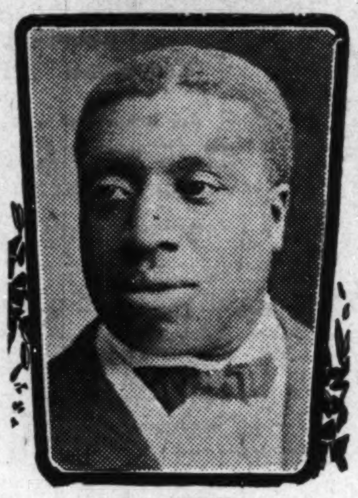
COLORED OFFICE-HOLDERS.

Much of a stir is being made over the alleged discovery that the administration intends to discontinue appointments of colored men living in the South to official positions. If true, it is indeed regretable for many reasons. Chief among these would be the moral effect on Southern disfranchisement. Such a course could not but be regarded as an acquiescence in the attempt of the South to decitizenize the colored man. It would be regarded as an approval of the general course being pursued in that section affecting the standing of the Negro as a citizen and a man. It would mean that "Lily Whiteism" was approved by the Republican party. It would mean a right-about-face in its teachings of equity and justice for the past half century. It would mean that it no longer believed "that a man's a man for a' that." And it would mean much more that would not be of credit to the party o' Hoar and Higginson and Lincoln. But we confess a deep skepticism in this allegation. We do not believe that any such thing has so much as been contemplated by the administration. We are of the opinion that most of this has come from the office-holders, who, believing that they had the whip hand in the Southern districts have used this in the hope of being retained in office. It is an open secret that the office holding industry has been pretty well developed among our people. Most of them who seek office are of those who base their claims on their political activity rather than on their demonstrated ability to fill the places sought. The present administration has shown a decided tendency to discourage the office seeking habit in all parts of the country, and if it should turn out that it is opposed to protection to political industries, we see nothing but good to come from it. We want to see a continued representation of the race in the political life of the country, but we want to see the time come when these representatives will be selected, not from "political workers" and professional politicians who care only for the race to use it as a means for getting themselves political jobs, but from men whose real standing in their respective communities point to them as the logical representatives of their people. Such men will be of those whom the people can trust and safely follow, for they will not neglect their interests to work constantly on their own political fences.

PROF. W. T. VERNON.

What's the matter with Kansas? Well, just ask those fellows who were trying to make a new Register of the Treasury. Most of them were of the opinion that Kansas was only a strip of bad land by that name inhabited by coyotes, Indians and "hayseeds," and was not, therefore, a serious competitor in the race for so dignified a post. In the person of W. T. Vernon the presumptuous Easterner will find a man who has the ability to do something more than sign his name to currency and bonds, and play the game of politics. Yes, the new Register of the Treasury is from the "wild and wooly West;" from the State bearing the foot prints of old John Brown of Osowatomie who flung his strong soul as a battle line against the encroachment of slavery and stayed its advance westward. It is a State that produces more sunshine to the acre than any other. If it be true that, as elsewhere, the whirl-wind sometimes pays it a visit, it is also true that at no other place do the zephyrs of springtime caress the brow with a more delicious tenderness. Kansas presents many paradoxes. One of these is that, while its surface is undulating, at no point do you walk in the valley. Your point is one where you may turn and find yourself at the center of "magnificent distances," thus making it appear that you are standing above the surrounding country. It is probably due to this fact that the people of Kansas have a large view of things and little sympathy for minds that live in a social or financial gulch. Kansas is a good place to live and a good place to die and be buried. It is also a good place from which to get a goad Register of the Treasury

THE PRESIDENT HONORS A COLORED MAN.



W. T. VERNON

has been selected by President Roosevelt to succeed Judson W. Lyons as Registrar of the Treasury. He is president of Western University, Kansas City, Kas. He was born 35 years ago at Lebanon, Mo. Prof. Vernon is married and has two children. He has never before held public office. He was supported by all of the western representatives in congress.

We understand that the Legal Bureau of the Afro-American Council, headed by J. Douglass Wetmore of Florida, through the efforts of Rev. L. G. Jordon, corresponding secretary of the Council, is in touch with leading spirits in Washington City looking forward to an early attack on that little "Jim Crow" car railway running from Alexandria, Va., into Washington. It is an outrage to allow that poisonous Jim Crow weed to flourish under the very shadow of our national capital. This fling at ten million American people is an outrage that would not be tolerated in any other country under the sun. If the Afro-Americans expect help and respect from the better element of the white citizens of this country they must battle to the death those things which seek their humiliation. It is to be hoped there will be such a rallying of Afro-Americans in Washington City and Alexandria, Va., that all parts of this land of ours may know that we do not propose standing for this humiliation without a protest. Life is a battle and no people but ours would surrender their rights politically or otherwise without a fight to the death. Let the fight go on and let all who are interested in the overthrow of unjust legislation join Secretary Jordan and Attorney Wetmore in their effort for our racial betterment.

Some women were recently heard commenting on marriages. The conversation drifted to several cases that had come under their observation where women of very questionable character had married well. That is, they had married men of industry and good standing. One of them remarked: "Well, it doesn't pay to be good."

This was said by a woman of high standing and of unquestionable character. We could not help feeling depressed over this remark, even though all the number agreed with her. Virtue should be its own reward. The woman who asks any other reward hangs her virtue on a slender thread. Virtue should carry with it such rewards, by reason of its mere possession, as to feel no need of other recompense. Where more than this is demanded it subjects the complainer to the suspicion that the virtue of the one complaining is but skin deop.

The horrible accident that happened in Philadelphia should be used as a warning against building such death traps as mest of our churches are. We have one church building in particular in this city that will some day be the scene of a most terrible affair if a large crowd in it ever become panic stricken. It is next to impossible to so construct a building as to make it safe for people who lose their senses, but they should be built as nearly so as possible.

Women have yet to learn the lesson that they can gain nothing worth the having by demanding that they be given more attention. Nor does it matter whether the demand be made of husbands or lovers. The man who does not give to a woman the attention she deserves cannot be made to give it. The effect of such demands cannot fail to produce the opposite effect from the one desired. If the man yields, he does so unwillingly—either with a feeling of protest or else as a helpless captive. In either case the last state of both is worse than the first, and nothing worth the having has been gained. And as a further result, is it not true that each stands lower in the sight of the other?

WHAS THE FREEMAN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Who will be the new president of the Western University at Quindaro, Kas.?

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What has become of the spicy Washington correspondent of the New York Age?

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Would not a better system of accounting for moneys be a big help to our struggling churches?

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Does Editor William Monroe Trotter really aspire to be the Poultney Bigelow of the Negro race?

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When will the Negro capitalists of Chicago, Louisville and Washington bring forward those promised dailies?

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Has the Boston Guardian reached the conclusion that Attorney William Henry Lewis is too warm a proposition to trifle with?

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Was the responsibility for that $78,000 shortage in the treasury of the State of Kansas included in the so-called charges against Dr. W. T. Vernon?

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Couldn't Recorder Dancy earn a neat bit of pin-money by delivering a series of illustrated lectures on "How to Acquire a Lead-Pipe Cinch and How to Hold On To It?"

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What bishop or bishops of the Methodist churches will have the moral courage to take up the gauntiet on ministerial discipline so defiantly thrown down by Rev. D. A. Graham?

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Would the publishers of Webster's Unabridged dare to get out a new edition of that wonderful reservoir of words without consulting the race's official censor, Editor F. H. M. Murray?

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Cannot something be done to reduce the operating expenses of our churches and increase the carrying power of a dollar without militating against their spiritual effectiveness?

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Has the Barnett string to the Chicago Conservator been let out a few yards to give Editor D. R. Wilkins a chance to disport himself in all his glory as a charter commissioner?

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What General Secretary Dubois said to Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford during his recent stop-off in Cleveland touching the Niagara Movement's attitude toward supreme federation of Negro organizations?

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Why does it take so long for three hundred members to pay for a little church when one industrious and thrifty individual can pay for a nice home in one-third of the time and support a family besides?

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Isn't it about up to Brother Wilkins of the Chicago Conservator to send out a second consignment of home made boiler-plate, giving plans and specifications of the wonders he has wrought as a member of the Windy City's celebrated charter commission?

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Who will undertake to persuade Thomas Dixon, Jr., to attend the exercises commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Tuskegee Institute and follow Secretary Taft, President Eliot and Ironmaster Carnegie with a speech on Negro inferiority?

We have received a copy of a Vicksburg paper containing an account of Governor Vardaman's brutal treatment of a Negro convict who was polishing his shoes. The report states that the Negro said something which angered the governor, whereupon the latter kicked him several times and then beat him with a broom.

That Negro has to be very low in the points of common manhood or else he is the superior of one possessing so much animal as Gov. Vardaman has inside of his hide.

The eagle disdains to feed on anything not slain by his own might, and when made a prisoner it refuses to mate. So, likewise, should woman disdain that which cannot be won by her own womanliness. That which is secured in any other way is neither worth the having nor will it bring any permanent good to her or others. Love cannot be produced by any form of oppression. Under such conditions Love refuses to mate.

It may be all right to have some feeling of impatience because the other fellow's politics does not agree with yours, but it is usually noticed that the fellow who wants to mob another man because of his political views is generally the one who stands around the polls on election day waiting for a dollar before he votes his party ticket. Such a man is a disgrace to his party, a disgrace to his country, and is not even respected by the one who buys him.

The New York World of Jan. 19 contained the denial of Booker T. Washington that he had advised the President to remove all colored office-holders in the South. If you have not seen it you should not charge this to the one making the denial. We will wager pea-nuts to dough-nuts that this report was started by some one who wanted to become a perpetual office-holder.

We wonder if some of those fire-eaters who charge wholesale dishonesty to the black man do not feel a little ashamed at the flood of dishonesty and corruption now being uncovered among "our best citizens?"

WHAT WILL WOMEN THINK?

When a young woman passes the age of 23 she enters what is called the catch as catch can class. Invariably standing at the head of her own little class, with a scoop net in one hand and a 5-cent bag of taffy in the other.—Fred Robbs in Florida Standard.

WE ALL DO SUCH.

Sometime in writing we mention people that are not worthy to be mentioned, but it is not our purpose to do such.—Greenville, S. C., Enterprise.

THE RED RECORD.

The Smallest Number in Twenty Years—Mississippi Leads.

The lynchings reported for 1905 are only sixty-six, the smallest number since 1885. The following table shows the number of lynchings since 1884:

1885	184	1896	131
1886	138	1897	166
1887	122	1898	127
1888	132	1899	107
1889	176	1900	115
1890	127	1901	135
1891	192	1902	96
1892	235	1903	104
1893	200	1904	87
1894	190	1905	66
1895	171		

The lynchings in the various States and Territories in 1905 were as follows:

Alabama	3	Arkansas	5
Florida	1	Georgia	11
Kentucky	4	Louisiana	4
Mississippi	17	Missouri	1
Navade	1	North Carolina	1
South Carolina	3	Tennessee	3
Texas	11	Virginia	1

Of these lynchings 65 were in the South and 1 in the North. Of the total number 61 were Negroes and 5 whites. The crimes alleged were as follows:

Murder	34
Assault	15
Murderous assault	4
Attempted assault	4
Robbery	2
Race prejudice	1
Kidnapping	1
Elopement	1
Informing	1
Unknown reasons	2

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

SENSE OF ALL THINGS.

Two essentials to success are dollars and sense.—The Rome, Ga., Enterprise.

A "FACILE PEN."

The facile pen of R. W Thompson is giving the readers of the colored press some mighty interesting reading these days.—Atlanta Age.

SURE, FOLLOW THE FLAG.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been shipped out of Honolulu to escape taxation. That's a familiar trick that has followed the flag.—Chicago Leader.

ISN'T THIS LOGIC?

A little "Jim Crowing" in all lines would tend to do us a great amount of good. It may tend to teach us how to appreciate each other a great deal more than we do. —The Newport News, Va., Star.

THE REVIEW HAS SPLENDID SIGHT.

My brother, in these strenuous times of race leaders, be satisfied to be an ordinary man. If you feel an itching desire to be a leader apply the salve of common sense to the spot at once. Do your humble work and be content The ordinary man has tilled the fields, cleared the forests and tunnelled the mountains. He it is who is the salt of the earth He it is who is solving the race problem, even as he has solved all other problems.—Spectator in The Freeman.

The Knoxville Review saw in the above lines something very worthy of reprinting in its last issue, and we are glad to see our newspapers recognize and appreciate good matter well enough to credit to the author when published.

ITS CANDIDATE ELECTED.

"If the colored citizens of Indiana received their proper ratio of political recognition, nearly sixty, instead of about six, would be in the government service. Our Senators and Representatives act as if their Negro constituents are worthy of small consideration."—The Indianapolis Recorder.

Once in a while, between elections, some of our hide-bound Republican contemporaries wake up to the real situation. If our memory serves us correctly one George L. Knox, a Negro, became a candidate for Congress in the Recorder's district for the express purpose of forcing Congressman Overstreet to do his duty toward his Negro Republican constituents and the Recorder was most vehement in opposing Knox and supporting Overstreet.

Now take your medicine like a little man, thou inconsistent slave to Republican fettishism and stop complaining, for your candidate for Congress was elected.—Detroit Informer.

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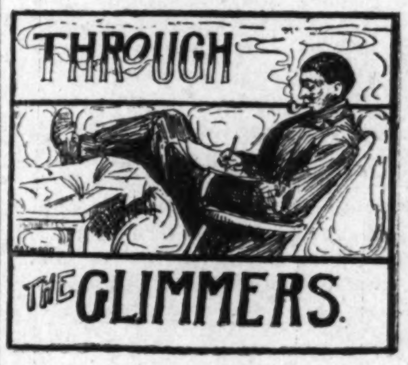

In reading our various colored newspapers it is often the case that much of the matter is seldom original, even to their editorials. I have often found it to be a fact that some one paper furnishes the news for as high as fifty other papers, and yet this one paper never gets a kindly mention even. There are some editors who very often clip an editorial and place it in their opinion columns without even hinting that an exchange is responsible for such bright thought. Our newspapers will not even re hash news matter. I have saw publications that published news matter that was at least a month old, and yet their existence lasted for years afterwards, but how it could I do not understand. If it were not for about a half a dozen Negro publications it does not seem possible that about one hundred of them could live for they would have no news of interest to publish. It can be noticed that whenever a clipped article appears in most any of our papers and credit is attached to it you will find that it is from the New York Tribune, New York Sun, Chicago Record-Herald or some other white paper.

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Theodore Drury, with the aid of his very efficient grand opera singers, will appear in "Aida" and "Carmen" at the Fourteenth Street Theater, New York City, May 28th. The leading roles will be taken in hand by two very great singers that are found in Madame Marion Adams Harris and Mr. Frank Fowler Brown, who is a very magnificent tenor singer of this city. This affair should be a decided success as it is an assured thing that it will be well worth going to see as the ability of Mr. Drury is unquestioned when it comes to anything in the musical line of a high class nature. At any rate we all should begin now to appreciate our talent and reward them for their splendid efforts. Just think how far away it is taking us from the regular amusement line of our people. It is strictly a wonderful departure from the lowly, ungraded kind of performance to the helpful cultured and dignified entertainment, which is very needful for our people. We want sensible things and we want something that is lifting. Do you find anything lifting in a "rag" two-step or a "coon" song? The fact is most of us are tired of such, for you do not find a song of the "rag" kind that carries any sweetness in its strains All of us can stand for the soul-stirring melody, but we immediately grow tired of the outlandish "rag" and "coon" song. Let Mr. Drury bring on grand opera and let us regularly support him for such is very worthy.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Delawwallade a daughter, January 21.—The entertainment given by the Alexandria Academy for the benefit of the Newmon Memorial M. E. church was a success.—Daniel Newmon, of Baton Rouge, brought his daughter. Miss Oderlee to the city last week. She is attending the C. L. Academy.—Miss A. H Rochon, a teacher in the C. L. Academy has stopped work on account of ill health —The Freeman delivered to any part of the city by H. C. Hudson. Subscribe now.

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The Stage

Tom Logan, with the Rufus Rastus Company, is The Freeman representative of that aggregation.

You can always be found f your nam appears in The Freeman's Manager's and Actor's Directory.

The staff of Clemo & Cassel's Colored Circus met in New York to arrange for their opening May 25, at Orange, N. J, Griffith B. Wilson is manager.

Carlisle & Baker, the colored aristocrats are playing East over the Orpheum Circuit after having great success in California and Mexico. They are playing to packed houses every night with success, After playing New York they will spend a year in Europe. Regards to friends.

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To so luckily met such a lady,
Yet of all we are wanting to see
That little journalistic baby.

—CHARLES MARSHALL.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE.

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Crosby, Mrs Omaj	Smith, Mrs Eliza
Cooksey, Miss Susie	Steele, Miss Alberta
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Ogden, Miss Helen	Yeres, Miss O O
Rue, Mrs Bessie	

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Beecham, Chas	Johnson, J Louis
Cross & Cross	Lee, Willie M
Carter, Tom	La She, Herbert
Cox, James	Looney, E J
DeVine, W	Lewis, Fred
Davis, Sam B	Means, J W
Davis, S	McCameron, J H
Dudley, Edmond	Moody and James
Devine, Isaac P	McCanlon, Prof J C
Dotson, W A	Payton, Harry
Elliott, Foy	Parker, Chas R
Fleming, Chas R	Powell, Clarence
Goodlow, Will	Quine, Geo W
Gilbert, R E	Reed, Edward
Gant, R H	Smith, H S
Gilbert, Robert—2	Smith and Bailey
Hunt, H Henry	Toledo, Ben
Harris, Jas A—3	Watts, Billy
Hump Gold Mining Company	Wise, Jim
	Watkins, T A
Harris, J A	White, Capt B Y
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A Rabbit's Foot Co.: Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 22 to April 2.

Black Patti Troubadours: Ottawa, Ill., Feb. 5; Champaign, 6; Danville, 7; Paris, 8; Terre Haute, Ind., 9 and 10.

Billy Kersands' Minstrels: Clifton Forge, Va., Feb. 5; Martinsville, 6; Blackstone, 7; Farmville, 8; Fredericksburg, 9; Alexandria, 10.

Georgia Minstrels: Dodge City, Kas., Feb. 5; Garden City, 6; Lamar, Col., 7; Los Anamas, 8; Rocky Ford, 9; La Junta, 10.

Proctor's Original "Arkansaw" Minstrels: New Orleans, La., Feb. 5 to 18.

Hallback & Parquette: Bennett Theater, London, Ont., Canada, week of Feb. 5.

Hot Time In Coontown: Terre Haute, Ind., Feb 5.

Ernest Hogan in Rufus Rastus: New York City, Jan. 22 to Feb. 10.

Harry A. Brown, Singing Cartoonist: Proctor's Theater, New York, week of Feb. 5.

Mallory Bros and Brooks, assisted by Miss Grace Halliday: Orpheum Theater, Reading, Pa., week of Feb. 5.

WE publish in this issue on the sixth page suggestions as to the organization of an Actors and Actresses Club, by some of our leading actors and managers. Our next week's issue will contain further plans for this movement.

A colored theatre will be erected in Mobile, Ala., shortly by the David Temple Lodge, No. 1672, I. O. O. F, This building when completed, will cost $40,000. Plans for building have been accepted from George D. Hulbert & Co., of that city.

Some manager has a good paying position for you, and he wishes to locate you. fnformation of yourself in the Managers and Actor's Directory of The Freeman would enable him to find you without any delay.

The colored women in vaudeville would do well to study the costumes worn by the women of Mallory Bros., Brooks and Halliday, says The Variety, a high-class theatrical publication, edited by Chicot, the critic. Quite tasty dresses are worn without a rainbow effect being striven for.

Notes of the Blue Ribbon Theatre as Louisville, Ky.—The Bass's send regards to all friends. Mrs. Estelle Henderson is still bringing the house down singing "My Own, My Own," Misses Hope and Johnson are playing to success. Lee Henderson is cleaning up with "Nobody." Regards to Barkout's Old Plantation Company.

RUFUS RASTUS SCORES HIT.

ERNEST HOGAN SURPRISES ALL OF NEW YORK IN NEW PLAY

A STUPENDEOUS AGGREGATION

Mallory Brothers, Brooks And Halliday's Musical Act Greatly Praised by Chicot, the Well-known Critic—Laura Gilliam in New York.

The new original musical extravaganza and Negro comedy "Rufus Rastus" opened Monday night of last week at The Majestic Theatre in the borough of Brook yn for their initial bow here in the Metropolis. That the production far exceeded the expectations of the most hardened first nighters, was to note the ovation given the famous American star and his company. The plot of the comedy and fun-producing elements hover around the weird and unfortunate experiences of Rufus Rastus, who until the last scene is continually in wrong. The loss of a package of Quaker Oats and its final recovery is the means of slight connection of plot and great action by the company, and a pretty little love affair is cleverly woven through the comedy.

The principal scenes worthy of special mention are the palm bower of the Ponee de Leon in St. Augustine, Fla., which is as much like the real famous nature resort as could be wished for, and the scene where Rufus Rastus does such fine work with Sampson Strong, typical of the Southern atomphere, along the wharfs of St. Augustine. Another scene of the several so cleverly set is the one representing Madison Square Garden ball-room, so real that one feels that he is a guest at the Pullman Porter's Ball instead of enjoying the wit and humor of Rufus Rastus.

One of the finest casts of colored American performers ably deport thems-lves in the well-chosen parts assigned them. The thrill and reverberation of Thomas Lemonier's great music is one of the most valuable factors in the continued success of the production. Lemonier's music will live; it breathes and scintillates any atmosphere where true and original melodies, abounding in life, color, character and theme beauty are appreciated. Mr. Lemonier is devoted to his work. He is original and has caught the idea of what lovers of American musical productions really want, and that is the secret of his success.

Two other actors worthy of comment are the popular western favorite, Harry Gillam, who is doing all that can be done with the acrobatic tramp character, Sampson Strong, and J. Ed. Green, the legitimate colored American character actor and singer and stage director. Among the female performers doing good work are Miss Sallie Green, whose rendition of "Old Kentucky Home" proves her claim of an able sopsano soloist. She is admirably supported by the company. Anna Cook is another sweet-singing soprano with the aggregation. Carita Day as Selina Giltedge is easily the best sonbret and is doing all that can be desired with her part, and I can say as much for Muriel Ringold, the clever little dancing lady. Alice Mackey, who is one of our best female performers in straight work, makes a most impressive Fredericka, the college graduate

Anthony D. Byrd,s conception of Angelica Newcombe is very comical; Fiddler's imitations are good. The Houseley Brothers' instrumental work is rather an innovation in an extravaganza and they are securing their ahare of notice. F. F, Morris is one of the talented barytones and Henri Troy is making an excellent impression with his silver tenor ballad, "Consolation." The work of the sextet in the last scene closely borders on to grand opera and is well received. The musical ensemble numbers were composed and arranged by H. Lawrence Freeman and Joseph Jordan. Mr. Hogan also comes in for a small share of incidenta numbers. He gives a most enjoyable and capital rendition of his new song creation, entitled "Oh, Say Wouldn't Dat Be A Dream." In this song a d in 'Is Everybody Happy?" Mr. Hogan is afforded a grand opportunity to display his great versatile power and ability as a Negro actor as well as a leading singing comedian.

The stage conception of a Southern Negro hustler and illiterate fruit vender etc., suddenly and unexpectedly raised to wealth and position is one of the fitnes pieces of stage work ever conceived by a dialect impersonator of Negro character in Southern environments. There is not a idle moment in the comedy. "Rufus Rastus," the new spectacular comedy and musical extravaganza is a cure for the blues, a relief for ennui, and if one desires to see one vehicle where colored men and women are proving their claim of our support in a bright and breezy comedy perpetuating the personality, character and customs of the Southern Negro, and offering us the best semi-classic score of real good American musical extravaganza today. Hurtig & Seamon are to be congratulated in securing such a cast of representative high-class colored artists.

At the Globe Theatre they are soon to play a return engagement. With $30,000 worth of magnificent scenery and gorgeous costumes, with about half of the best all around colored performers in the world and many weeks of solid booking, with a musical play of abou three hours duration and including everything in the line of humor from an o'd time minstrel to the highest development of sentimental song and choral concert, under the able direction of Hurtig & Seamon, does "Rufus Rastus" tread fortune's sea, with the brightest outlook of any colored production on the road, with Ernest Hogan, a gentlemanly, good fellow as star. Before returning to Boston a two weeks' engagement will be filled at the American Theatre here in Manhattan.

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Among the high-class artists in vaudeville appearing in New York are Mallory Brothers, Brooks & Halliday, a very fine quartet of musicians and singers. In a recent issue of The Variety, the celebrated and stoical critic, Chicot says, "The Mallory Brothers, Brooks & Halliday are four colored people, who play musical instruments and sing. Mazie Brooks is a genuine musician. Her harp solo is cut short to allow the rest to join in on other instruments, is very well executed on one of the most difficult musical instruments to master, while her singing and handling of stamp her an artist of unusual degree and more especially so among her own race. The other plays a violin only fairly, but sings with plenty of expression and the act as a whole is a novelty among the colored troupes now so frequent." Frank Mallory has been greatly indisposed but is much improved now.

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At Hyde & Beham's in Brooklyn, Cooper & Robinson are still "easing by" with their comedy singing and dancing act. The finale is a burlesque of lower East side Jews. Their new Yiddish song by Scott, is cleverly handled and highly pleases their audiences.

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Mrs. Laura R. Gillam, the clever wife of Harry Gillam arrived in New York City Sunday morning from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs, R. Cottrell, at Toledo, O. The Gillams are residing at 26 W, 134 St. their permanent New York address.

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The Whitman Sisters and little Ernest Hogan, (shrunk) are at Hurtig & Seamon's Music Hall in Harlem this week,

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Notice from Fred V Millican's Big Minstrel Company.—This is our last week in Mississippi, Business has been good. Our next state will be Louisiana; everybody is well and the ghost never fails to walk every Sunday. Billy Arnte and Sam Davis are taking the house by storm. Boston & Cunningham, Grace Jones and Mose Harris are doing well. Regards to the profession.

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King and Queen giving a performance at Dallas, Tex.

seen." His efficiency in this line is held in high esteem by all who have occasion to know of it. The people of Lexington, Ky., are very anxious to see King and Queen at their next fair, and in answer to a question Mr. Jackson said, "They are now in better condition than ever before and are ready to fill engagements to any part of the United States for the season of 1906."

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dear Professional Friends.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kelley announce the arrival of a son. The team therefore will be a three act, and will be known as "The Three Kelleys." This announcement no doubt will be somewhat of a surprise to you, but we assure you we anticipated enlargening our act, and have only been awaiting the arrival of the new partner.

This junior member of the team made his debut in New York City, January 6, '06 at 5 a. m., and it being his first appearance on any stage, he was unanimously voted "A Howling Success." His weight is nine pounds net. His voice though not fully developed is that of a "sarsaparilla tenor" and his present range is placed at eighteen octaves. He has an immeasurable volume, extending from the Battery to Yonkers.

To serve all purposes he has been named B, A. Kelley, Jr. Having open time at present he can be found at 10 West 134th street, New York City. For particulars write Mrs. R. A. Kelley, same address or the happy father, Bob A. Kelley.

Billy Johnson, an ex-member of the Cole & Johnson combination, is now doing an act with four girls in vaudeville. The act opens with a jungle scene, the girls being robed in oriental garb while Johnson wears brown tights. Johnson next does a plantation song before a cornfield drop, followed by a military number by the girls, the drop being changed to a war scene, A ball room scene closes the sketch, Johnson is in evening clothes and the girls in multi-princess gowns. "Evolution of the Negro" is the title of the sketch

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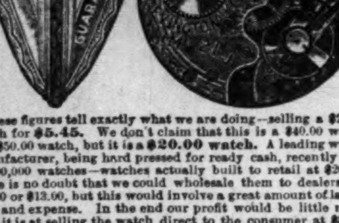

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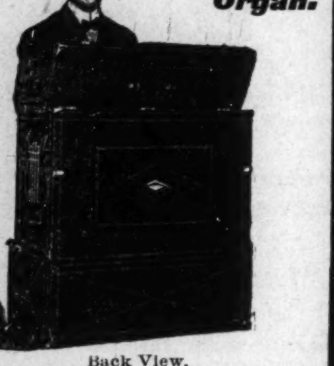

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DIVORCE LEGAL.

Lillie McGee vs Oscar McGee | State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion county In the State of Indiana. No. 14297 Complaint Divorce

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 3rd day of July 1905, the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Oscar McGee, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that said defendant Oscar McGee, is not a resident of the State of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 31st day of March, 1906.

NOW, THEREFORE. By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 31st day of March 1906, the same being the 24th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March 1906 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

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Notes from Benbow Old Plantation The show is still making good Mrs. John Jones closed at Mobile, Ala., and Will Stewart at Plateau. Philip Moore and Bill Bailey opened at Centre, Fla., and Victoria Nance at Mobile. William Benbow has returned from a visit with friends at New Orleans and sends regards to "Kid" Arnte, Charlie Fleming, Wm. Dorsey, Will Smith and Morgan Prince.

Notes from the Billy Kersands Minstrels—Our show is still doing a phenominal buisness and we receive nothing but praise evespwhere. The weather is astonishingly fine. Several of our boys have joined the Elks during the past week and several more are to be made here in Durham. The Campbell Bros., in their new act are screamers. The Alabama Quartet has on a new act that is simply startling and registers 109 in the shade. Alonzo Moore the marvelous magician is a "warm baby" all the time, and Arthur Maxwell, the most renowned bicyclist of our race, the press gives him the credit of being great. We have another great act, Billy Nicholas, America's greatest mimic, an act that follows all others with perfect ease. J. E Sherman has annexed a very artistic and complex drill. Alonzo Moore wants to hear from Baker, the magician, of Atlanta, Ga., important. Regards to all.

Notes from the Smart Set Company. We are following in the wake of the Rufus Rastus Company. People are saying that both shows are almost identical but in regard to business, full houses as usual. There seems to be a diamond craze among the members Miss May DeShields closed in Rochester. Quite a number of the members participated in a concert last Sunday night at Syracuse, Miss Dora Weaver, of Chicago with a charming soprano voice is the latest acquisition. Billy Moore, Will Pierce, Jeannette Foster, Pinkey Cooper, Muriel Ringold, Alice Mackey, Mamie Emerson and Ed Green please write Gus Hall, Walter Hilliard, George Day, Etta Gross and Eva Swinton. Alberta Ormes Dudley lost valuables consisting of currency and diamonds while in Rochester, but recovered them with the assistance of a Rochester Sherlock Holmes. "Toodles" a valuable Pomeramian terrier, belonging to Miss Ella Anderson, leading soprano, closed the season after a lingering illness in Rochester, N. Y Allie Gilliam and wife, Georgia Dobbs are still dancing superbly. Miss Etta Gross is in a class by herself, ultra. At Niagara Falls, the whole company were taking in the sights and having photos taked for friends.

Notes from Frank Mahara's Minstrels—We are playing to a uniformly large business nightly in a territory that our show has visited each season for the past three years, in cities where our clever performances and straight forward buisness methods has made a for us a lasting trade mark. Jeff Smith's concert band of sixteen pieces which includes Robert Leach clarionet soloist, Moses McQuitty, baritone and Jimmie Harris slide trombone soloists is acknowledged to be the finest traveling with a similar organization. Mikell & English, musical artists are a new and strengthening addition to the olio and band, both being clever cornetist and highly accomplished musicians in general. They use eighteen different instruments in their act. These young men are recently from Florida, this being their first trip North. It won't be long before some of their songs which they have composed will be on the market. Thanks to Skinner Harris our comedian and star, and also stage manager our performances run smooth as a clock. Skinner by the way cleans up nightly and received encores galore. John Pamplin with his really great juggling act remains the big feature of our olio. Jimmie Harris and his trained hoops keep the audience guessing and gets his share of the glad hands Our first part contaids many fine numbers. The principal ballads being rendered by Richard Lewis, John Hill and Sloan Edwards, Arthur Moss, and Jack Watkins. Jessie Harris features "On Your Way Babe" and is making a big hit with all her songs. Eva Harris is doing a clever little Scotch dance that is winning much applause. Our orchestra of ten pieces under the direction of Arthur Hughes is taking one and two encores nightly. We are now entering our fourth continous year, having lost not over fifteen days. We are booked South and West to the coast and back North to our regular summer territory The Freeman is a welcome weekly visitor and we all feel lonesome when we miss it. Best wishes,

SUPERIOR, WIS.

The old reliable Freeman arrived on time and the agent was showered with praise and thanks —Wilberforce Literary Society entertained with a sleighing party. After spending about two hours riding around the city, they were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Willis, where the remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent. A number of guests from Duluth were present.—The Zenith Art Club composed of ladies of this city and Duluth, Mrs. Kate Smith, president, was entertained by Mrs. J. W. Willis, January, 19—Mrs. Hattie Irving, of St, Paul, was the guest of Miss Gertrude Bowman recently.—Alex. Holden, who has been absent from the city for two months has returned—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks died January 17. Rev. Moore of Duluth, conducted the services—Prof. Henry Williams, the well-known violinist, lately of St. Louis, now a resident of Duluth, was the guest of Albert Johnson, the popular musician of this city a few days ago.—The Golden Key Social Club 1216 Third street, Leonard Brooks manager is a general head quarters for musicians, railroad porters and steamboat men—The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial orchestra rendered an excellent program at the Cummings Avenue M E church, January 18 to a large and appreciative audience.

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ACTORS AND ACTRESSES CLUB.

Members of the profession, men and women are becoming very much interested in the idea of organizing an Actors and Actresses Club, as suggested by George Walker, in an article in The Freeman, of January 13. A number of letters have been sent out and the replies have been very favorable and good suggestions regarding the organization and maintenance of such an institution, have been offered. If you are interested in the movement for the betterment of the profession, do not wait to be asked but send in any suggestion you may have. By request of Mr. Walker, Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman, is serving as general secretary. The following are among the early answers.

Toledo, O., Jan., 19, '06.

Friend Elwood.—Yours received in regard to The Theatrical Club, will say such an organization would be and should prove quite successful. And as for my information in regard to handling or managing such an affair, yourself and also Mr. Walker are farther advanced than myself in such a respect. I would like to see such a matter taken up though and would be more than delighted to become a member.

Yours Truly,
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Jacksonville, Fla., Jan., 20, '06.

E. C. Knox Esq.,

My Dear Friend.—Replying to yours dated January 16, relative to Actors Club in New York City, I beg to say that at present I am unable to pass upon the subject satisfactory to myself for several reasons. I have not been in New York for several years, and I am unable to advise in this matter, but may be able to come to some conclusion later. Seemingly though the same could run successfully under proper management, Thanking you for inquiring, I beg to remain,

Yours As Ever,
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Pittsburg, Pa., Jan., 18, '06.

E. C. Knox:

Esteemed Sir and Friend:—As the idea put forth strikes me so favorable I have no collected thought that would lead to advise a perfect plan, only will say bravo! Would suggest this the Western office should be in your city under your personal management. Because you have been the only editorial father to the profession and I believe in praising the bridge that carries you safely across. I would only want to be interested in the musical end as it would certainly lead to better our bands. This should be based on finance, principle and ability. I think all members should show a creditable career before admittance to this glorious institute. With a noble foundation, good rules and constitution with a charter to elevate our effort, I see the professional star rising that will brighten our future pathway. Should you desire I would like a space in your valuable paper.

Yours Always a Friend.
P. G. LOWERY.

Chicago, Ill., Jan., 20, '06.

Mr. Elwood Knox:

My Dear Sir:—Your communication relative to the Colored Actors and Actresses' Club is before me, also the article in The Freeman of January, 13, from the pen of George W. Walker, which I have carefully read. Now the work of organizing such a club will be an arduous task, no matter who undertakes it as there has always been too much jealousy and personal motives among our most prominent performers to work in harmony with each other, and the only way to get beneficial results is to lay aside personal motives and put things on a purely business basis.

Firstly, could we get a board of directors from the performers that would have the success of the club at heart without wanting to seek notoriety? There is no doubt in my mind that an organization could be formed if properly fostered, that would be of great benefit to the entire colored profession. Now then to start such a club we must have financial backing and how to secure the money without asking so much from this one and another amount from that one, has taken some time for me to figure out.

What I think the most feasible plan and one that should meet the approval of all the ladies and gentlemen concerned, is, if they intend starting at once, make New York City the starting place, as right now the colored performer is looked upon with more favor there than in any other American city, and it is also the home of most of our star performers. At this time all the big colored shows are working their way to New York, so I would suggest that to get the financial backing all interested must appeal to the public and in return give the public something for their support.

Now, I can think of no better way than an all star performance or a series of performances given in the large cities. Now if these performers who have been agitating such an organization mean business let them get together and put their minds in action and I have no doubt that the public will show their appreciation. This is the personnel of the performers: Williams & Walker, Ernest Hogan, S. H. Dudley, Cole & Johnson, Mallory Bros., Brooks & Halliday, John Bailey, Ada Overton Walker, Marion Henry Smart, Hattie McIntosh, Ella Anderson, Muriel Ringold, Carita Day, Alice Mackey, and Black Patti. A company of this strength could play New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Washington and Boston in the East; Pittsburg, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago in the West.

I think such a company of performers under the direction of Jesse Shipp would be sure to get money enough to start the club on a solid basis. I have not mentioned a great many performers who no doubt would lend their assistance but I have tried to mention those with whom I have come in contact and talked upon this subject, and I sincerely believe they have the interests of their profession at heart. I would like to see a good solid board of directors elected and let some of them be men who are not in the profession but men in whom the performers would havs confidence. What is now the most essential thing to start an Actor and Actresses' Club is, I might say headquarters, a place where all members must register at least once a week either in person or by mail; nice rooms could be rented in New York have ladies and gentleman occupy the same building; elect a steward, secretary, and matron. With the selling of refreshments, newspapers, etc., it would come very near self-supporting and by adding a few smokers and entertainments, money could be raised.

As to the membership of this organization, its members must only come from those who are making a living as entertainers in public amusements. A membepship fee and a monthly fee must be included; application blanks to be filled out by those seeking membership, with all the rules, regulations printed thereon. No officer or member of any board to receive any compensation with the exception of the secretary, steward and matron. This is my idea. I could go into deeper details but so many will no doubt give their opinion that everything I have omitted will be covered. Wishing the contemplated organization great success,

Yours Very Truly,
W. H. SMITH,
Manager Pekin Theatre.

Chicago, U. S. A., Jan., 20, '06.

Mr. Elwood Knox:

My Dear Mr. Knox.—In acknowledging receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. relative to an Actors and Actress' Club, will say that I feel kindly toward the idea, and being a Chicagoan would of course favor Chicago, in the event of establishing such a club. But as for ways and means, I fear at this time at least, I have no practical suggestion to make; in fact, I would not like to go on record as making any at all, for my thoughts are so full of matters of immediate concern that I can not if I would think logically of anything else. I heartily favor the idea however.

You may not have heard about it but I have recently sustained a thousand dollars damage by fire. A Greek restaurant, close to my place caught fire about three o'clock on the morning of January 10, and the flames, with great maliciousness, leaped out of bounds and attacked the roof of the Pekin auditorium; the fire department did the rest, put me out of business until I can rebuild. It also threw fifty people unexpectedly out of employment. But we expect to get under way again about the first of March. I shall open with a new production in a well, and regularly appointed theatre. I expect to spend $10,000 to the end that the New Pekin shall be a playhouse worthy of the name and a credit to the Negro race Shall be glad if you will keep in touch with me. In the meantime consider me as always,

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The Texas Conference has pledged $3,000 to Wiley University to apply on a boy's dormitory. Sixty-five members of the conference visited the institution od their return from their meeting. They examined the work and were well pleased.

West Lynn, a thrifty farmer has purchased a $2 000 farm, about two miles north of Pittsboro, N. C.

It is a remarkable coincidence that Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi was set aside as an institution for the training of Negro boys in 1871, and in the same year the present president, Prof. L J. Rowan was born. Prof. Rowan entered the school in September 1887, a country boy as a work student. He finished his course and became a teacher, assistant professor and professor. He is now president and under his management, the school is progressing nicely.

St. Paul's A. M. E. Church at Washington, D. C., recently celebrated its forty-second anniversary.

The House of Bishops of the A. M. E. Church held its midwinter session at Savannah, Ga., January 11th.

Rev. J. Franklyn Walker, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, has launched the "Queen City Tribune," in that community.

J. M. Henderson, the energetic pastor of Allen Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio, who is an experienced journalist, has begun the publication of a neat little sheet called "The Allen Temple Weekly Bulletin."

Rev. S. Timothy Tice, who has had a strenuous time of it as a presiding eider of the New York Conference of the A. M. E. Church, has been transferred to the East Florida Conference by Bishop Tanner, at his own request.

Rev. J, Francis Robinson, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Norwich, Conn, has disappeared, leaving no address, and holding valuable church papers in his possession. Creditors are now presenting bills which the deacons supposed were paid long ago.

The Negro Baptist, Evangelical Convention of America was organized recently in Washington at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church. The principal officers of the Convention are: President, Rev Simon P. W. Drew; vice-president, William Perry, of New Jersey; secretary, W W Wines Virginia; treasurer, G W. Baily, New York. Thirty-five states were represented, and initial steps were taken to establish another national Baptist publication house.

Mt. Zion M. E Church, Washington, D. C., which has been undergoing extensive repairs since last August was reopened a few days ago, with impressive ceremonies. The main audience room has a steel ceiling, two large chandeliers with 44 electric lights in each, and will seat 1200 persons easily. J. A. Lankford, the well-known colored architect, designed the improvements, and Mt. Zion is now one of the handsomest and most convenient church buildings in the national capital. Rev B. T. Perkins, an able divine, is the pastor.

Through the solicitation of Prof. J. R. Hawkins, the A. M. E. connection in North Carolina has been presented with $10,000 by the executors of the late Washington Duke, the tobacco magnate. Kittrell College gets $5,000 and the Western North Carolina and the North Carolina Conferences $2,500 each. Mr. Duke was a great friend of the Negro, and did many acts of valued kindness. At one time he paid every Negro church in Durham, N. C., out of debt, and while he lived kept a special watch over the financial condition of all the colored churches of his city.

WITH PEDAGOGUE AND PUPIL

A Snap-Shot of the Activities of the Race in the Educational World,

Mrs. A. M. Curtis, a lady of rare intellectual attainments, is mentioned for membership of the School Board in Washington, D. C, in the event of the retirement of Mrs. Bettie G. Francis, the present efficient representative of the race on the Board of Education.

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Prof. W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce University, recently paid a visit to President Roosevelt at the White House and discussed educational matters, with very satisfactory results.

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Dr. F. J. Grimke, who has been favorably mentioned for the presidency of Howard University, declines to be considered in that connection, preferring to remain pastor of the 15th street Presbyterian Church, a work which he loves and which satisfies every ambition he possesses.

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Robert Evans, who finished at Tuskegee in 1903, is instructor in printing at the Robert Hungerford Normal and Industrial School, Eatonville, Florida.

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Miss Mary A. Hutton, until lately connected with Freedmen's Hospital, Washington D. C., as a trained nurse, is in Detroit, taking an advanced course, preparatory to assuming charge of a training school for nurses in St. Louis.

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Miss Hortense Parker, one of the first Afro-American women to graduate from the New York schools as a professional kindergartner, has resigned her position as teacher in School No 40 at Indianapolis, Ind, and accepted the superintendency of the colored kindergarten work at Kansas City, Mo. Miss Parker is one of the most accomplished and scholarly women of the race and will succeed admirably in her new field.

A very creditable exhibit of the methods of teaching in vogue in the public schools of Washington was given last month. Armstrong Manual Training School, W. Bruce Evans, principal, and the M Street High School, Mrs Anna J. Cooper, principal, made an exceptionally fine showing, comparing favorably at all points with that of the white schools. Dr. W. Scott Montgomery is assistant superintendent, in charge of colored schools, and is a most efficient officer.

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Okalona, Miss,, has an industrial school now about three years old, under the management of Prof. W. A Battles. The school has a nice location, nearly a mile from the station, with sixty acres of land, one large building and several smaller ones. The school is independent, with a local board of trustees.

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The first national Greek college fraternity to be founded by colored students was organized last week by eleven students of the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio. The fraternity is called the Pi Gamma Omicron, Alpha Chapter. Charters have been arranged for, to be granted to Chicago, Indiana, Dension, Wilberforce and Virginia Universities and Hampton Institute.

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Miss Effie Houseworth, of the Tuskegee class of '03, has been elected Superintendent of Girls' Industries at the Prarie View State Normal School, Prarie View, Texas.

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Miss Jessie Fortune, daughter of T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, has completed the three years of service prescribed by the school board of New York City, and has received her certificate as a permanent teacher.

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Western University, at Quindaro, Kansas, frequently dubbed "the Tuskegee of the West," is prospering under the capable management of Dr. William Tecumseh Vernon. Its present enrollment is 160—ten more than last year's total. Appropriations for the school's support, aggregating $2,465, have been made by the Kansas, Missouri and North Missouri conferences of the A. M. E. Church, the amount being raised in exactly seventy-one minutes by the three bodies. This means more improvements, better accommodations, additional industries and a wider range of studies for the Negro youth of the great West.

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Miss Mamie L. McDonald, formerly a teacher in a Virginia Seminary, is seeking the aid of colored residents of Washington, D. C., in an effort to establish an industrial school for Negroes in Montgomery county, Maryland. The purchase of a building formerly used as a summer resort is contemplated, and the Maryland legislature will be asked for aid sufficient to put the school on a working basis.

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Dr. W. E. Shaw is doing a creditable work as principal of the Atkinson Literary and Industrial College at Madisonville, Ky. The girls are making satisfactory progress under the pains taking direction of Mrs Shaw, who is an expert in cooking, millinery and dressmaking. The new dormitory for girls is now completed, and the accommodations in general have been greatly improved. Atkinson College is a part of the educational effort of the A. M E Zion Church, and owes its existence to the persistent labors of Bishop George W. Clinton.

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On December 27th Capt. Allen Washington, of Hampton Institute Virginia, was united in marriage with Miss Annie Laura Pride, at Lynchburg, Va. Capt. Washington is, next to President Frissell and Major R. R. Moten, the most popular member of the faculty of Hampton Institute, and the bride is the daughter of one of the most substantial citizens of the Old Dominion.

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Mrs. Booker T. Washington, accompanied by her younger son, Davidson, spent the holidays at Little Rock, Ark, and attended the meeting of the Southern Federation of Colored Women held at that place She also visited Pine Bluff, and then left for California, where she is spending the month. Her trip is being made mainly for the purpose of recuperating from the arduous strain that her duties as director of girls' industries Tuskegee entail. She has been the object of much social attention at every point, but owing to her necessity for quiet and rest, she has been unable to accept more than a small proportion of the many invitations extended.

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Seventeen Porto Rican students reached Tuskegee recently, and they are an exceedingly bright lot of young people, ten of them male and seven female. The Insular Government of Porto Rico will support them through a course of four years.

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W. Sidney Pittman, formerly in charge of the Division of Architectural Drawing at Tuskegee, but now in business for himself in Washington, D. C, has been spending some time at his alma mater, doing certain work with Mr Roscoe Conkling Bruce in connection with the illustrated statistical chart being prepared for the Institute's silver anniversary in April.

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Miss Ida May Moore, the talented daughter of Fred R. Moore, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is to take several of the trade courses at Tuskegee, including out door work in agriculture.

By the will of the late Mrs. Helen C. Coburn, of Boston, just probated Tuskegee Institute is to receive $25 000. A similar amount is also left to Atlanta University, and $10 000 to Berea College

The health of Dr. W. H. Councill is reported to be greatly improved.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

George L. Knox, after aweek's illness is able to be out again.

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Mrs. Mary Tucker had a serious operation performed this week at Dr. Ward's.

George Simmons, recently of The World, has gone to Danville, Ill., for an indefinite stay.

William Hill. of Toledo, O., accompanied by E. M. Williams, of Noblesville, Ind., were callers at this office last week.

Will Mallory, formerly of this city and a compositor on The Freeman, now residing in Chicago, was in the city Tuesday.

At a meeting of the E B. Delaney Missionary Society condolences were prepared and sent to the family of the late Mrs. Crow, state president.

A large and appreciative audience greeted Miss Dayse Walker at Simpson Chapel last Sunday night. Her work is meeting with much success.

O. V. Royal, a well-know attorney has opened an office for the general practice of law and real estate operations at 12 North Delaware street.

Mrs. Anna Smith entertained a company of friends at Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evening, complimentary to her guest, Mrs Susie Bason, of Chicago.

Miss Malissa Davidson, who has been spending several weeks in Hamilton, O., an account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Werks, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boolaire, 1108 N. Bismark avenue desire to thank their friends for kindness shown during the illness of their little daughter, Isabel.

Tilford Phillips, of Bowman street was buried last Monday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. W. Simmons at Simpson Chapel.

Mrs. William Henderson, 817 Athon street, Mrs. R. W. Smith, 1008 N Bismark avenue, Mrs. Walker Graves, in West Eleventh street, John Roney and Andrew Mitchell are ill.

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The Independent Whist Club held its weekly meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Blackburn and elected the following officers: Mrs. Daniel White, president; Clarence Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Ella Blackburn, secretary; Mrs. John Thompson, treasurer,—William Carey, who has been employed at the Reed House for a number of years is very ill at Rochester N. Y.—The youngest child of Charles Jones was buried last Saturday from his residence. The services were conducted by Rev. Morris.—The young boys of the city have organized a Dramatic Club Rob Vosburg is president Edna Blackburn gave a party at her home Tuesday evening of last week, in honor of Miss Grayson, of Clarksburg, W. Va., who has been visiting the home of Rev. Morris.—The bazaar given last week at the church was a decided success. Many were in attendance and enjoyed the evening. The members of the Church Aid Society are doing a grand work. The young girls of the morning choir have organized a club and are now holding meetings weekly.—The Greater Erie Club played whist Wednesday evening of last week. The church is preparing for a rally in April. The members are anxious to pay off the mortgage debt of $2,400. Baker White, John Kinney, A. A. Scott, Charles Slow and Charles Franklin are the newly elected stewards.—Albert Anderson, formerly of this city is in California for his health.—Mr Shiel, the housecleaner, paper hanger, and carpet layer, of Pittsburg is in the city.—Rob Baxter and Louis Franklin entertained for Miss Grayson. Mrs. M. Williams entertained in honor of Mrs. Morris and her guest last week. Miss Grayson returned home Saturday, William Sims is improving—The Church Aid society elected the following officers last week: Mrs. Clara Williams, president; Miss Bessie Washington, vice-president; Mrs. Rosie Slow, secretary; Mrs. Hester Suel, treasurer

HOUSTON, TEX.

The American Building, Loan, Lumber and Land Company elected the following officers last month: E. E Branch, president; Prof. Waldo Mathews, 1st. vice-pres.; H B. Clay, 2nd. vice pres. J. S. Tibbett, secretary and treasurer and K. C. Brown, assistant secretary.

BURLINGTON, IA.

The stork presented Mr. and Mrs. M. L Mackey with a seven pound girl.—A L. Drew and M L. Mackey, rural mail-carriers have purchased new wagons. Miss Gertrude Cowden celebrated her birthday with a supper January, 22. Lawyer Woodson, of Oskaloosa was in the city en route to St. Louis on legal business.—All items of interest will be very kindly received at Harrison's Pantorium.

COLUMBIA, TENN.

Miss D'Andre White, formerly of this city, now of Cincinnati spent last week here visiting friends. She is president of the Bible Training School and actively engaged in missionary work in Cincinnati. Miss White has an extensive practice in chiropody, manicuring. She is also a dermatologist, scalp and skin specialist.—The famous Glee Club of Fisk University will sing at the opera house February 27.—Among the sick are Mesdames Ruth Bunch and Lucy Dickerson and Sam Church—Mr, and Mrs. Dave Daniels are the parents of a fine boy Miss Maggie Green was in Nashville last week—Mrs Jennie Deen has returned to Louisville.—Andrew Gamsck of Minnesota is visiting his family. 'Allen's Day" will be observed February 11, at St. Paul A M E. church.

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Notice is hereby given that Henrietta Freeman as administratrix of the estate of John S Freeman dec ased has presented and filed her account and vouchers in final settlement of said estate, and that the same will come up for examination and action of said Circuit Court on the 24 day of Februra y 1906 at which time all heirs creditors or legatees of said estate are required to appear in said Court and show cause if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be approved. And the heirs of said estate are also hereby required at the time and place aforesaid, to appear and make proof of their heirship.

HENRIETTA FREEMAN.

J. H LOTT, Attoaney.

DIVORCE LEGAL.

Monroe A. Nagle vs Anna E. Nagle } State of Indiana, Marion Co, ss.: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 14733 Complaint for Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 29th day of Jan. 1906, the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Anna E. Nagle and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Anna E. Nagle is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 29th day of March, 1906.

NOW, TEEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 29th day of March, 1906 the same being the 22nd judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March 1906, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

WM. E. DAVIS Clerk

I. L WISEMAN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICE

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